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Dear Mr. Minister

Now that the most enormous political pressures you have had to confront are satisfactorily behind you, I will begin to badger you seriously on other matters.

I hope you will appreciate my sense of your need for attention to urgent matters in the past year and will accept my appreciation of your steadfastness on extra-billing and the drugs legislation.

Now to my first harassment.

I have spent some effort to investigate the basis of criticism lodged by AGES against your appointment of Dr. Barry Zimmerman as the head of the committee reviewing environmental sensitivities. I have come to the conclusion the complaint is well-founded. I would like you to take some time to make your own assessment.

It is my political experience that issues raised in a very clear way by articulate and well-researched people are real issues. You and I may not yet have a personal experience with them, but they deserve our attention, in my experience.

I have watched Stephen Lewis make asbestosis cancer and native health a matter of concern in Ontario when political leadership was negative, bureaucratic stall was the order of the day and voter knowledge in interest was nil. That is what it means to lead politically.

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Find out what is happening on environmental sensitivity, for Heaven's sake.
These are the issues of the 1980's and 1990's. You have the chance to lead
- why not do it?

Yours,

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